



#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Bleached polyacrylic acid crosslinked cellulosic fibers, methods for making the fibers, and products including the fibers. The bleached polyacrylic acid crosslinked cellulosic fibers are polyacrylic acid crosslinked cellulosic fibers that have been treated with one or more bleaching agents to provide crosslinked cellulosic fibers having improved whiteness.